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Kettler Holiday Activities Told

By TEO GUNNINGHAM
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The Karlovs' Christmas was made happier by the turn for the better of Marylou's mother, Mrs. C. E. (Anna) Lackey, who had an emergency operation Dec. 22. She is on the road to recovery now, and Marylou has brought her mother home for her convalescence.

Sure was glad to hear that Bill Dickson of Middlebrook Rd. was able to come home for Christmas Eve and Christmas morning... he's been a patient at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital since the Sunday before Christmas. Kent and Terry were really glad to have Dad home, even for that short while. Bill is still on a very strict diet, but is able to be up and about some. The doctors say it will be about three weeks yet before they can get his trouble straightened out completely.

To all those who have been ill over the holidays we wish a very speedy recovery, and may they all be back soon with their respective families.

Making this Christmas a very special one for Robert and Ruth Jacobs of 1820 Santa Fe St. was the arrival of a son named Kim Allen, on Monday Dec. 15 at 7:35 p.m. Weighing in at an even 7 lbs., the first child of the Jacobs family made his debut at San Pedro Community Hospital. Daddy Robert is employed in the tabulation department of Northrop Aircraft Co. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jacobs of Hawthorne, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kimble of North Bend, Ore. Mrs. Kimble, Ruth's mother, and her two brothers, Lloyd and Robert, recently returned to their home in North Bend after spending nearly a month with Ruth and Bob. It's hard to say who is popping the most buttons over

young Kim, papa or uncles, but who has a better right?

What better time of the year than now, when the feeling of Good Will Towards Men is so in the air, is there to introduce some new neighbors? So may I introduce Jim and Dorothy Parks who have bought the house at 23126 Huber St. They formerly lived on Torrance Blvd. Jimmy is a Torrance boy from way back. Dorothy works nights at Daniels Cafe, and Jim, who is a past commander of the American Legion, is employed at Chicago Bridge and Iron. Welcome to the Knolls, folks, and we do hope that you will be most happy in your new home.

The Sunday before Christmas Santa Claus paid a visit to the children of the American Legion members at their clubhouse on Border Ave. Among those from Kettler Knolls who received gifts, candy and fruit were the jolly old man were Richard and Arthur Grant, Jill and Jan Eckersley, Joyce, Jack and Mary Rose Wayt, Robert Ernst, and Dan and Jorie Cunningham. Preceding Santa's visit the group was entertained with dances and musical numbers presented by the Betty Vee Studio of San Pedro. The group from the studio was late, so volunteers among the guests entertained... Robert Ernst sang Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer, Richard and Arthur Grant, and my own son, Dan sang their version of Jingle Bells, and Carlo San Palo played a selection on the piano. The commander's daughters, Mickie and Mary Gertrude Green, also sang Jingle Bells, a little more complete version than the boys' rendition. It was really quite a day!

Was talking to Joyce Tucker the other day, and she tells me that they plan to move to Marino Valley, near Riverside, as soon as they can sell their home here on Huber St. Bill is going into business with his father there, and finds that it is too far to go back and forth. They are in the process of building a new home there, so Joyce and Bill are looking forward to the move, though Joyce tells me that she hates to leave her many friends here.

Winding up the year with birthdays are Barbara Phillips on Dec. 28, and Viola Goree on the 31st... Elmer and Mae Griffith had a wedding anniversary on the 27th and Leo and Lorraine had one of the same on the 30th... Birthdays at the start of the new year were celebrated by Gloria Frizberg, Jan. 2, Lorraine de la Cruz the third and Earl Manchester Jan. 4. Anniversary wishes go also to Gordon and Mae Kimmert. To these birthday and anniversary wishes your columnist would like to add her sincerest ones for a very happy and prosperous New Year to you all.

Vacation is over, the children are back in school, Santa has returned to his workshop at the North Pole for another year, and things are slowly settling back into their normal paces again. Do we hear big signs of relief? Could be, for though the

house guests of Joe and Camilla Helphand of Middlebrook Rd. for four days. The Withycombes now call Davis their home, but formerly lived on Falena.

Stan and Ina Larsen of Mar that St. hosted a dinner last week, honoring an old school mate of theirs, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bransen and sons, Bruce and Brice, of Chico, Calif. Mrs. Bransen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mosher of Lomita, with whom they were spending the holidays.

We sure hope that the minor injuries that Jay and Norma Tyler received in an auto mishap just before Christmas, didn't dishearten them to the extent that their Christmas was spoiled.

Got Thursday, Jan. 15, encircled on the calendar? What's that day? It's the Torrance Elementary PTA meeting, the first of the new year, so let's have a good turn out. The topic for the meeting will be "Families Go To School," with Mr. Morton as the master of ceremonies. The fourth grade mothers will serve refreshments. See you there, huh, at 1:30 p.m.?

It's always nice to have friends call on us and to keep an old friendship alive... Such is the case at the Dick Gresham residence at 23110 Huber St., where Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ladd and daughters Linda, Carol Sue and Patricia are spending some time while deciding what part of Southern California they want to settle in. The Ladds hail from Peoria, Ill., the Greshams' former home, where Dale and Dick were schoolmates.

Nell and Maxine Hopper, of Calamar St., were recent hosts to Nell's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hopper, and son Tommy of Pacoima, San Fernando Valley. The Pacoima Hoppers were guests for dinner and the evening.

Jim and Jerry Withycombe and children also were holiday visitors to Torrance... These former Kettlerites were a month in California with your

daughter, what better time is there than at Christmas?... At least that is what Mr. and Mrs. Leo Voigtland of Bronx, New York, thought, so they winged into our land of "sunshine and oranges" Dec. 14 to stay with Dortha and Wayne Huddleston, 1806 Schilling Ct. They have been busy seeing "the sights," such as Knott's Berry Farm and Mission San Juan Capistrano, and getting acquainted with the grandsons Wayne, Edward and Donald. New Year's Eve the family all got together at the home of Wayne's sister, Mrs. L. A. Walker, in Lomita.

The next regular business meeting of Circle No. 7, W.S.C.S., will find Viola Goree as the hostess at her home, 23205 Falena Ave. The meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m. o'clock Tuesday evening, Mrs. John Taylor will lead devotions.

Bound and determined that the song "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth" wouldn't apply to her, Sharon Hopper wouldn't let her father (or anyone else for that matter), touch her two loose front "rivories" until the day after Christmas... Now she has joined the ranks of most six-year-olds who can rightfully sing that little ditty.

Nice news for the start of the New Year... Arthur Grant Sr. of Kathy Way is home now convalescing from a heart attack. He spent Christmas and some time before that in Torrance Memorial Hospital. Though he is home, he will have to take it easy for a couple of months yet. Just keep on ago-ing the way you are, and you'll soon be "good as new!"

Mrs. Margaret Foote, of Kansas City, has come to spend the winter months with her son and daughter-in-law, David and Marie Foote at 2080 Reynosa Dr. Linda really think that it's something to have grandma there.

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